SENATE RESOLUTION 73 By Dixon

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Hubert Van Tol for his meritorious service as executive director of the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to benefit the public good; and

WHEREAS, Hubert Van Tol, the executive director of the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center is one such remarkable public servant, a voice of concern on important economic and foreign policy issues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Van Tol joined the Peace and Justice Center in 1985 and during his tenure there has proven to be a valuable asset to the people of the Mid-South area; and

WHEREAS, for 11 years Hubert Van Tol has adroitly led the center's noble efforts to get banks to increase lending in low-income communities and to improve environmental conditions in those communities; his resignation to seek similar employment in the Chicago area leaves a void in the center's leadership that will not easily be filled; and

WHEREAS, he has been an outspoken critic of powerful national and local institutions, and his activist philosophy is to assist those persons without power, in order that they may empower themselves; and

WHEREAS, throughout Mr. Van Tol's excellent service as executive director, he has adhered to the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds, Hubert Van Tol is highly regarded as a professional and friend in the Memphis area, always standing firm in his convictions in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, Hubert Van Tol is the perfect example of a person totally committed to the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Hubert Van Tol for
his meritorious service as executive director of the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center and
salute his commitment to equality for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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